

# *Arkansas Home Inspector Registration Board*

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TITLE: Emergency Rule 2003-1 - Designation of Competency Examination

Act 1328 of the 2003 Arkansas Legislature became law on July 1, 2003. Paragraph 17-52-306(8) of that Act states that the Home Inspector Registration Board may develop competency exams for home inspectors. Further, paragraph 17-52-315(b) states "A person applying for registration for the first time shall also submit with the application a certified copy of a document attesting to the successful completion of the competency exam."

It would appear that persons cannot register as home inspectors so long as the board has not developed and adopted a competency examination through rule making procedures specified in the Administrative Procedure Act. Because of the time and hearing requirements of the normal process, the registration of otherwise qualified persons from legitimately practicing home inspection in Arkansas will be effectively stopped for some time until permanent rules can be adopted. Concurrently, stopping new registrations hampers satisfaction of the growing demand for home inspectors in the state. This constitutes an imminent peril to the public safety and welfare of the citizens of Arkansas. Accordingly, the Home Inspector Registration Board, under emergency rule making provisions of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act 25-15-204 (b) and (e), hereby adopt the current version of the National Home Inspector Examination as provided by the Examination Board of Professional Home Inspectors, Inc., 932 Lee Street, Suite 202, Des Plaines, IL 60016 and the current version of the Standards and Ethics Examination as provided by the American Society of Home Inspectors® also of Des Plaines, IL, as the competency examination for home inspectors in Arkansas.

The effective date of this rule shall be July 7, 2003.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003



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